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You Deserve the Award

On graduation day, I'll get to dress up in my cap and gown. As I walk across the stage, hearing cheers and accepting my diploma, I can only think it should be you up there, not me.

I worked hard to succeed because you showed me what hard work and success look like. I had the motivation because you were always there building me up and praising me. I understood the value of my high school education because you talked with me honestly.

I joined clubs and groups because you showed me how great a team can feel and what they can achieve. My first team, my first club, was this family. You were always there to lend a hand and pick me up when I fell down.

I took advantage of every opportunity in my path because you gave me the confidence to do so. Your loving words and unconditional love gave me the security to know I could do anything. I understand how privileged I am because you appreciate the little things. Although I'm the one who did the homework and took the tests, I was able to because of you.

Although I'm the one graduating, it feels like we all are because we did this together. Thank you for being the support that held me up as I learned to crawl then walk through life. When I stand up on that stage at graduation, I'll be looking at you. I may be getting a diploma, but you deserve the Award for being the best parents a kid could ever hope for.